



# News

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### WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department.

During the week of January 15 thru January 21, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 703 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**ARSON** – On January 14 at 11:44 p.m. on the 200 block of Goodrich Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a vehicle on fire behind this address. Fire companies extinguished the fire quickly. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

**UNATTENDED COOKING** - On January 15 at 6:20 p.m. on the 20 block of 10th Street fire companies extinguished a fire on top of the stove. The owner had turned on the stove to heat up a pan with chicken and water but accidentally turned on the burner where a pan of oil was located. He then left to go exercise and came back to the fire. He attempted to extinguish the fire but was unable. Damage is estimated at \$12,000.

- **Careless cooking is the leading cause of building fires in Saint Paul.**
- **Saint Paul homeowners who need FREE smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and stovetop firestop extinguishers and are willing to do a self-inspection of their home can sign up for Project Safe Haven by calling 651-228-6273 or going to our website at [www.stpaul.gov/fire](http://www.stpaul.gov/fire).**

**UNATTENDED COOKING** - On January 16 at 9:30 a.m. on the 800 block of 7th Street West fire companies responded to an alarm sounding that was upgraded to a kitchen fire. Upon arrival, they found and extinguished a fire on a stovetop. There was extension to household items resting on the stove and to the cabinets above. The resident was sleeping and was alerted of the fire by the alarm system. The sprinklers were activated and maintenance personnel used a fire extinguisher. Damage is estimated at \$15,000.



**PORCH FIRE** - On January 17 at 12:43 p.m. on the 1400 block of Edmund Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from a front porch. Fire companies arrived to find a small fire on the front porch and quickly extinguished it. A contractor had been using a heater on the front steps next to the front door to heat the concrete where a new hand rail was being cemented into the concrete. Damage is estimated at \$7,500.

**COLD EXPOSURE** - On January 18 at 6:32 p.m. on the 500 block of Stryker Avenue a 46 year old man sustained severe frost bite to his lower extremities. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**STABBING** - On January 18 at 1:27 p.m. on the 200 block of Front Avenue a 26 year old man was stabbed several times. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**STABBING** - On January 18 at 11:22 p.m. on the 600 block of Bates Avenue a 55 year old man had been stabbed. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**ARSON** - On January 20 at 6:59 p.m. on the 300 block of Front Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a detached garage fire. Upon arrival, they found a fire that had been extinguished. There was no extension to the garage. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$500.